

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 28-32 and 34-41 are currently pending. Claim 33 has been canceled without prejudice; Claim 41 has been added; and Claims 32 and 34 have been amended by the present amendment. The changes and additions to the claims are supported by the originally filed specification and do not add new matter.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 32 and 34 were objected to as containing informalities; Claim 33 was objected to under 37 C.F.R. §1.75(c) as being in improper dependent form; and the claims were otherwise allowed under *Ex parte Quayle*.

Applicants respectfully submit that the objections to Claims 32 and 34 are rendered moot by the present amendment to those claims. Claims 32 and 34 have been amended in the manner suggested in the outstanding Office Action. Accordingly, the objections to the claims are believed to have been overcome.

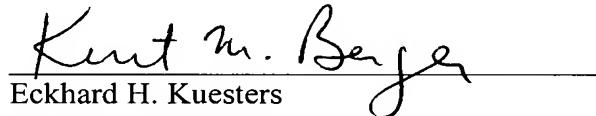
Applicants respectfully submit that the objection to Claim 33 is rendered moot by the present cancellation of that claim.

The present amendment also sets forth new Claim 41 for examination on the merits. New Claim 41, which is meant to replace previous Claim 28, is directed to an X-ray computed tomography system including limitations analogous to the limitations recited in Claim 28, but with the components recited in the first and second X-ray apparatuses combined into a single X-ray apparatus. New Claim 41 is supported by the originally filed specification at least in original Claims 28 and 33. Moreover, based on the indicated allowability of Claim 28, Applicants respectfully submit that new Claim 41 is in condition for allowance.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment and in light of the above discussion, the outstanding grounds for rejection are believed to have been overcome. The application as amended herewith is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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